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SUBJECT:- EXPORT LICENSES FOR PORTUGUESE STREETCARS.

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1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED BY DEPT. FROM PAUL CLASS,
GALES CREEK ENTERPRISES OF OREGON LTD.:

WE URGENTLY NEED SOME ASSISTANCE WITH AN EXPORT PROBLEM
FROM PORTUGAL TO USA. A GROUP OF FORMER LISBON STREET-
CARS HAS BEEN PURCHASED FROM THE COMPANHIA CARRIS DE FERRO
BY MY FIRM GALES CREEK ENTERPRISES OF OREGON LIMITED
FOR SEVERAL AMERICAN CITIES IN CONNECTION WITH US BICEN-
TENNIAL PROJECTS. TODAY TWO STREETCARS BOOKED FOR
DETROIT MICHIGAN MISSED LAST SAILING GREAT LAKES BECAUSE
PORTUGUESE EXPORT LICENSE NOT AVAILABLE. THIS WAS THIRD
AND FINAL SAILING POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF WINTER 1974. WE
ARE NOW ATTEMPTING TO CONSOLIDATE DETROIT CARS WITH
THREE LISBON STREETCARS BOOKED FOR PORTLAND ON ITAL
PACIFIC SHIP STAR STONE NOVEMBER 7. WE WILL THEN TRY TO
MOVE DETROIT STREETCARS OVERLAND. OUR AGENT LISBON
SOCIEDADE COMERCIAL COTANDRE LIMITED INDICATES THE EXPORT
LICENSE STILL NOT AVAILABLE AND IS CONCERNED FOR THE EXPORTS
TO AMERICA. MAY WE ASK IF YOU COULD INTERCEDE AND DETER-
MINE CAUSE OF PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT DELAY OF EXPORT
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LICENSE. THANK YOU.

2. PLEASE LOOK INTO PROBLEM WITH EXPORT LICENSES
IN THIS CASE AND REPORT TELEGRAPHICALLY TO THE
DEPARTMENT. INGERSOLL

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